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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/753,874
Halamoda et al.

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**FORMAL REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION OF
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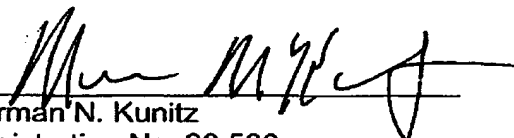
Dear Sir:

It is formally requested that the finality of the Office Action of January 25, 2005 be withdrawn as being premature as agreed with the Examiner during a telephone interview on January 25, 2005 and as stated in a Supplemental Office Action dated January 31, 2005, a copy of which is attached. Moreover, it was also understood by all parties during the personal interview with the Examiners on March 14, 2005 that the finality of the last Office Action had been withdrawn.

Accordingly, the above requested withdrawal of the finality of the last Office Action, an Action on the merits of the application based on the concurrently filed Amendment in response to the last Office Action, and either the issuance of a Notice

of Allowance or a further Act on on the merits of the present application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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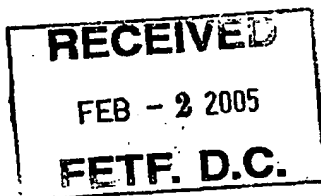
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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| Interview Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Phong H Nguyen | 3724 | |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. Phong H Nguyen. (3) _____

(2) Mr. Norman Kunitz. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 26 January 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: N/A.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

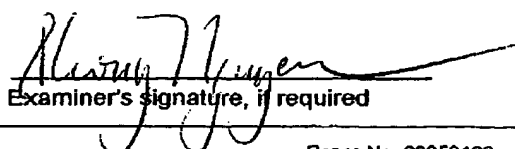
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

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Mr. Kunitz requested the status of the Office Action mailed on 01/25/2005 to be changed from final to non-final due to the new ground of rejection of claim 8 and a needed correction to the preamble of paragraph 5.

The finality of the Office Action mailed on 01/25/2005 is withdrawn. The shortened statutory period for reply continues running. Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed on 01/25/2005 will be entered in view of this. An Office Action in reply to the new response will be made final if the case is not otherwise allowed and there are rejected claims standing.

The preamble of paragraph 5 should read as follows: —Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kranik et al. (4,425,829), hereinafter Kranik--.